

reduction in basic pay or compensation otherwise required with respect to the individual under that clause minus the total amount of reductions of basic pay or compensation of the individual under that clause at the time of the payment under this clause.

“(iii) The second sentence of subsection (c) shall apply to any reductions in basic pay or compensation under clause (i)(I).

“(iv) Amounts paid under clauses (i)(II) and (ii) shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

“(D) The withdrawal of an election under this paragraph is irrevocable.”.

#### SEC. 9. ACCELERATED PAYMENTS OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 3014 is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b)(1) The Secretary may make payments of basic educational assistance under this subchapter on an accelerated basis.

“(2) The Secretary may pay basic educational assistance on an accelerated basis under this subsection only to an individual entitled to payment of such assistance under this subchapter who has made a request for payment of such assistance on an accelerated basis.

“(3) In the event an adjustment under section 3015(g) of this title in the monthly rate of basic educational assistance will occur during a period for which a payment of such assistance is made on an accelerated basis under this subsection, the Secretary shall pay on an accelerated basis the amount of such assistance otherwise payable under this subchapter for the period without regard to the adjustment under that section.

“(4) For each accelerated payment made to an individual, the individual's entitlement under this subchapter shall be charged as if the individual had received a monthly educational assistance allowance for the period of educational pursuit covered by the accelerated payment.

“(5) Basic educational assistance shall be paid on an accelerated basis under this subsection as follows:

“(A) In the case of assistance for a course leading to a standard college degree, at the beginning of the quarter, semester, or term of the course in a lump-sum amount equivalent to the aggregate amount of monthly assistance otherwise payable under this subchapter for the quarter, semester, or term, as the case may be, of the course.

“(B) In the case of assistance for a course other than a course referred to in subparagraph (A)—

“(i) at the later of (I) the beginning of the course, or (II) a reasonable time after the request for payment by the individual concerned; and

“(ii) in any amount requested by the individual concerned within the limit, if any, specified in the regulations prescribed by the Secretary under paragraph (6), with such limit not to exceed the aggregate amount of monthly assistance otherwise payable under this subchapter for the period of the course.

“(6) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for purposes of making payments of basic educational assistance on an accelerated basis under this subsection. Such regulations shall include requirements relating to the request for, making and delivery of, and receipt and use of such payments and may include a limit on the amount payable for a course under paragraph (5)(B)(ii).”.

#### SEC. 10. VETERANS EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE STATES.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of

this Act, and January 31 of each year thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Labor, submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on veterans education and vocational training benefits provided by the States.

(2) A report under paragraph (1) shall include, for the one-year period ending on the date of the report, the following:

(A) A description of the assistance in securing post-secondary education and vocational training provided veterans by each State.

(B) A list of the States which provide veterans full or partial waivers of tuition for attending institutions of higher education that are State-supported.

(C) A description of the actions taken by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Department of Education, and Department of Labor to encourage the States to provide benefits designed to assist veterans in securing post-secondary education and vocational training.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING STATE VETERANS EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING BENEFITS.—(1) Congress makes the following findings:

(A) The peace and prosperity of the citizens of the States are ensured by the voluntary service of men and women in the Armed Forces.

(B) Veterans benefit from the military training and discipline and the success-oriented attitude that are inculcated by service in the Armed Forces.

(C) It is in the social and economic interests of the States to take advantage of the positive personal attributes of veterans which are nurtured through service in the Armed Forces.

(D) A post-secondary education provides veterans the means to maximize their contribution to the society and economy of the States.

(E) Some States have recognized that it is in their interest to provide veterans post-secondary education on a tuition-free basis.

(2) It is the sense of Congress that each of the States should admit qualified veterans to publicly-supported institutions of higher education on a tuition-free basis.

(c) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “State” has the meaning given that term in section 101(20) of title 38, United States Code.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1999

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27. I further ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday immediately following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for 30 minutes with Senators speaking for up to five minutes each, and that the time be equally divided in the usual form.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GORTON. I also ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m. until 2:15

p.m. for the weekly policy conferences to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of any available appropriations bills. It is hoped that the Senate can make significant progress on appropriations bills this week. Therefore, amendments and votes are expected throughout tomorrow's session of the Senate.

As a reminder, cloture on the substitute amendment to the juvenile justice legislation was filed today. By previous consent, that cloture vote will occur on Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.

Further, the Senate is expected to begin consideration of the reconciliation bill during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:10 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, July 27, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 26, 1999:

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be captain

THOMAS K. AANSTOOS, 0000  
JESSE ADAMS, JR., 0000  
MICHAEL A. ADAMS, 0000  
DENNIS E. AHERN, 0000  
GEORGE P. ALESSIO, JR., 0000  
WILLIAM S. ARAMONY, 0000  
JAMES C. ARRINGTON, 0000  
NANCY J. ATKINSON, 0000  
FRANKLIN E. BAILEY, 0000  
DAVID A. BANACH, 0000  
DENNIS M. BASH, 0000  
FLORIDA B. BATTLE, 0000  
MARK A. BATTLE, 0000  
HARRY A. BECK, 0000  
ARTHUR S. BENSON, 0000  
JOHN A. BERNETSKIE, 0000  
VANCE D. BERRY, JR., 0000  
WILLIAM T. BERSSON, 0000  
CONNIE L. BEST, 0000  
KAREN F. BLACKBURN, 0000  
LELAND S. BLOUGH, JR., 0000  
GERALD W. BOCK, 0000  
ULYSSES S. BOWLER, JR., 0000  
KENT D. BROSTROM, 0000  
WALTER W. BROWN, 0000  
JOE P. BRYAN, 0000  
JOHNATHAN W. BRYAN, 0000  
ROBERT L. BRYANT, 0000  
KATHLEEN S. BURKHART, 0000  
GLEN A. BUSBY, 0000  
KURT E. BUSKA, 0000  
TIMOTHY J. BUTSON, 0000  
FLOYD G. CAMPEN, 0000  
ROBERT H. CAUTHEN, 0000  
BECKY J. CERVENKA, 0000  
JOHN C. CHAHBAZI, 0000  
MARK E. CHESTON, 0000  
RONALD D. CHRISTIAN, 0000  
RALPH A. CICORA, 0000  
JOSEPH R. COCKRELL, 0000  
REX D. CONGER, 0000